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Mr. Austin R. Evers  
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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**  
**FOIA Control No.: 17-FI-HQ-02079**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the second interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received September 12, 2017. You asked for Department of Housing and Urban Development records reflecting communications—including emails, meetings, calendar entries, phone calls, phone call logs, or text messages—between any person listed in Category A and any person listed in Category B, since March 2, 2017.

<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beth Van Duyne</li><li>• John Gibbs</li><li>• Christopher Bourne</li><li>• Lynne Patton</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secretary Ben Carson</li><li>• Lacena “Candy” Carson</li><li>• Ben “B.J.” Carson</li></ul>

A search of Headquarters' records by knowledgeable staff failed to locate any phone call or phone call log records responsive to your request. Specifically, all available landline phone logs were collected for employees Bourne, Gibbs, and Patton for the time period that each employee has spent at HUD Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Patton relocated to Region 2 in New York City, and Van Duyne has only been an employee of the Department's Region 6 office in Fort Worth, Texas. Both Region 2 and Region 6 have confirmed that they do not have systems in place for the collection of phone call logs. Cell phone call logs were also collected for all four Category A employees. Manual searches were then conducted in each of the collected landline and cell phone logs for any results showing calls made to, or received from, any individual in Category B. No matches were found in any of the available records.

The Department's first interim response, dated June 29, 2018, contained all responsive email, meeting, and calendar entry records. Please be advised that a review of additional records responsive to your request is ongoing. A final response letter, containing any additional responsive records located, will be sent to you at the completion of that review.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. Please also be advised that all appeal rights related to your request will be provided to you in a final response letter.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact Mr. Ethan Bodell at (202) 402-3450. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah R. Snowden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Deborah" on the first line and "R. Snowden" on the second line.

Deborah R. Snowden  
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